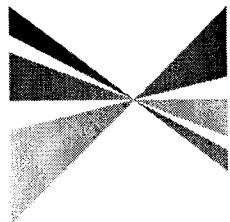


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ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

NOTE SPECIAL TIME

Thursday, April 7, 2005

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

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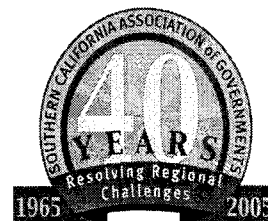
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1.0 <u>CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</u>	Councilmember Clark, Chair	
2.0 <u>PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD</u> Members of the public desiring to speak on an agenda item or items not on the agenda, but within the purview of the Committee, must fill out and present a speaker's card to the Assistant prior to speaking. A speaker's card must be turned in before the meeting is called to order. Comments will be limited to three minutes. The chair may limit the total time for all comments to twenty (20) minutes.		
3.0 <u>REVIEW and PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS</u>		
4.0 <u>CONSENT CALENDAR</u>		
4.1 <u>Approval Item</u>		
4.1.1 <u>Approve Minutes of March 3, 2005 Attachment</u>	01	
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5.0	<u>ACTION ITEMS</u>			
5.1	<u>Solid Waste Conversion Technologies Attachment</u> The Committee will hear about the California Integrated Waste Management Board's recommended new policies. Recommended Action: Recommend that the Regional Council support California Integrated Waste Management Board Resolution 2005-78.	Hon. Toni Young, City of Port Hueneme	40	20 minutes
5.2	<u>Nomination of Regional Champion Award Attachment</u> The Committee is asked to discuss and submit a nominee for the Regional Champion Award. Recommended Action: Recommend that the Regional Council approves selected nominee for the Regional Champion Award.	Hon. Magaret Clark, Chair	48	5 minutes
6.0	<u>INFORMATION ITEMS</u> None at this time.			



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AGENDA

	PAGE #	TIME
7.0 <u>WATER POLICY TASK FORCE REPORT</u>	Councilmember Washburn, Chair	
8.0 <u>CHAIR'S REPORT</u>	Councilmember Clark, Chair	
9.0 <u>STAFF REPORT</u>	Sylvia Patsaouras, SCAG Staff	
10.0 <u>FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS</u> Any Committee members or staff desiring to place items on a future agenda may make such request. Comments should be limited to three (3) minutes.		
11.0 <u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u>		
12.0 <u>ADJOURNMENT</u> The next meeting of the Energy and Environment Committee will be held on Thursday, May 5, 2005.		

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THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE. AUDIO CASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Energy and Environment Committee held its meeting at SCAG Offices downtown Los Angeles. The meeting was called to order by Margaret Clark, Chair, Rosemead. There was a quorum.

Members Present

Bertone, Denis	SGVCOG
Clark, Margaret (Chair)	City of Rosemead
Cook, Debbie	City of Huntington Beach
King, Dorothy	Gateway Cities COG
Marchand, Paul	City of Cathedral City
Nelson, Larry	City of Artesia
Washburn, Dennis	City of Calabasas
Young, Toni	City of Port Hueneme

Members Not Present

Eckenrode, Norman	City of Placentia
Forester, Larry	City of Signal Hill
Harrison, Jon	City of Redlands
Portantino, Anthony	City of La Canada/Flintridge
Van Arsdale, Lori	City of Hemet
Zerunyan, Frank	South Bay Cities COG

New Members

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1.0 CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

Hon. Margaret Clark, Chair, Rosemead, called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

3.0 REVIEW and PRIORITIZE

4.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

4.1 Approval Item

4.1.1 Action Minutes of February 3, 2005

Motion by Nelson to approve the Action Minutes, Seconded by Bertone, then Approved by the majority of the Committee. Marchand abstained.

4.2 Receive and File

4.2.1 SCAG Future Events Calendar

5.0 ACTION ITEMS

5.1 Conformity Determination for the 8-hour Ozone Standard

The Committee was given a brief review of the new stringent standard for conformity determination. The new federal conformity regulations require SCAG to receive approval from the US DOT on SCAG's conformity determination by June 15, 2005. If the US DOT does not approve SCAG's determination the region's conformity will lapse.

Motion by Washburn to recommend that the Regional Council adopt Resolution #05-461-1 approving the conformity determination for the 8-hour Ozone Standard for the 2004 Regional Transportation Plan and the 2004 Regional Transportation Improvement Program, Seconded by Bertone, then Unanimously upheld by the Committee.

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5.2 H.R. 18 (Baca) Southern California Groundwater Remediation Act

Charlotte Pienkos, SCAG Staff, reported that the Water Policy Task Force reviewed H.R. 18 (Baca) and asked that it be brought to the EEC with a policy recommendation. H.R. 18 is modeled after a successful measure Congressman Dreier brought forth to benefit the San Gabriel River Watershed. H.R. 18 appropriates 50 million dollars for Santa Ana River Watershed cleanup, including projects and associated and legally mandated costs dating from January 1, 2000 to present. At this time it is not envisioned that costs such as: super-fund cleanup expenses, CEQA, or NEPA would be reimbursable; reimbursement for those expenses are to be determined by the Secretary of the Interior, as outlined in the bill. The Water Policy Task Force also addressed the concern that the name of the bill did not adequately cover the geographical areas included in Southern California such as Ventura County, Imperial County, or San Diego County. The Task Force felt this would disadvantage those areas later in their efforts to obtain groundwater remediation funding. With that in mind staff has asked Mr. Baca's office for clarification of the title. The Committee amended the title to the "Santa Ana River Watershed Groundwater Remediation Act". Staff was also given direction to create an alternative title to include "Southern California".

Motion by Bertone to recommend that the Regional Council support with the amended title change of "Santa Ana River Watershed Groundwater Remediation Act", Seconded by Marchand, then Unanimously upheld by the Committee.

6.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

6.1 Environmental Justice

Jacob Lieb, SCAG, briefed the Committee on SCAG's responsibilities for environmental justice under various federal laws and executive orders. A meeting has been scheduled for March 30, 2005 to review SCAG's Environmental Justice work on the 2004 RTP and to get input for the 2007 RTP.

6.2 Energy Efficiency Financing

Alan Thompson, SCAG, informed the Committee that the program provides financing for schools, hospitals, and local governments, through low-interest loans for feasibility studies or in the installation of energy saving measures. Loans can be financed up to 100% for a maximum of 1 million dollars.

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6.3 Preliminary Schedule for the 2004 RTP and PEIR

Ted Harris, SCAG, briefed the Committee on a proposed plan to accelerate the schedule for the Regional Transportation Plan by eight months. Normally adoption would take place in April 2007, however, in the event the adoption takes place in August 2006 due to financial issues, it would be prudent to have the flexibility of an accelerated schedule. This would also affect the EIR.

7.0 WATER POLICY TASK FORCE REPORT

Next meeting – April 14, 2005, 10a.m. to 12 noon.

8.0 CHAIR'S REPORT

None

9.0 STAFF REPORT

Ted Harris, SCAG, announced that UCLA is hosting a meeting on ARB's Land Use Guidance on March 4, 2005.

Sylvia Patsaouras, SCAG, provided the Committee with a handout on the General Assembly Award, previously called the Hagman Award. She also announced a Clean Cities Conference and Exposition in Palm Springs scheduled from May 1 – 4, 2005, which SCAG is sponsoring at the direction of the Regional Council.

Alan Thompson, SCAG, reported on the Local Government Coalition meeting Energy Opportunities for Public Agencies scheduled for April 20, 2005. Also, staff is in the process of selecting a date for an Energy Policy Workshop.

10.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Discussion on Ultra Fine Particulate Pollution.

11.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Margaret Clark adjourned meeting at 11:48 a.m. in honor of Lori Van Arsdale's brother.

The next meeting of the Energy and Environment Committee will be held in the SCAG offices on Thursday, March 3, 2005.

Energy and Environment Committee
March 3, 2005

Action Minutes

Action Minutes Approved
by:



Sylvia Patsaouras, Manager
Energy and Environment

MEMO

DATE: March 3, 2005

TO: The Regional Council
The Community Economic and Human Development Committee
The Energy and Environment Committee
The Transportation and Communications Committee (TCC)

FROM: Charlotte Pienkos, Government Affairs Analyst
Phone: (213) 236-1811 E-Mail: pienkos@scag.ca.gov

SUBJECT: State and Federal Legislative Matrix

Since the March 3rd meetings of the Regional Council and the policy committees, the State Legislature has settled into a period of slow, steady progress. With the majority of bills being introduced just prior to the February 23rd deadline, many bills remain in the constitutionally mandated 30-day quiet period in which no action may be taken. Consequently, policy committee hearings will speed up the first week of April when the Legislature reconvenes after Spring Recess. Policy committees must report non-fiscal bills introduced in their house by May 6th. The Fiscal committees must report bills from their house by May 27th. Another date of interest in May: the 9th, when the Governor is expected to release his Mid-Year Budget Revision.

As of this writing on March 17th, SCAG is monitoring 258 state and federal bills. Of those generating the most interest are the Governor's GoCalifornia bills, which will be heard in the TCC, and the State Senate Sprawl package, which will be presented to the CEHD as an information item. Also noteworthy is Senator Alan Lowenthal's suite of bills regarding air quality and the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles. SB 760 (Lowenthal) would charge terminal operators \$30 for each container passing through the ports, with proceeds used for security improvements and congestion air quality mitigation measures. At the federal level, the passage of TEA-LU occurred on March 10th. The Senate will take up SAFETEA in April.



Private file: AirQuality

CA AB 32	AUTHOR: Pavley (D) TITLE: Greenhouse Gas Emissions: California Climate Registry FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes URGENCY CLAUSE: no INTRODUCED: 12/06/2004 DISPOSITION: Pending LOCATION: Assembly Appropriations Committee SUMMARY: Revises the functions and duties of the California Climate Action Registry. Requires the registry, in coordination with the California Environmental Protection Agency and the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission, to adopt specified procedures and protocols both for monitoring, estimating, calculating, reporting, and certifying greenhouse gas emission reduction projects, and for monitoring emissions resulting from specified industrial sectors. STATUS: 02/28/2005 From ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS. Subject: AirQuality
CA AB 184	AUTHOR: Cogdill (R) TITLE: Air Quality: Gross Polluting Vehicles INTRODUCED: 01/24/2005 DISPOSITION: Pending LOCATION: ASSEMBLY SUMMARY: Expresses the intent of the Legislature to establish a pilot program to improve air quality by removing gross polluting vehicles from the roadways. STATUS: 01/24/2005 INTRODUCED. Subject: AirQuality, Transport
CA AB 679	AUTHOR: Calderon (D) TITLE: Air Resources: Heavy-Duty Motor Vehicles INTRODUCED: 02/17/2005 DISPOSITION: Pending LOCATION: Assembly Transportation Committee SUMMARY: Revises legislative findings and declarations to relate to diesel emission reductions from after treatment traps and catalysts, improvements to diesel engine technology, and federal adoption of ultra clean diesel fuel standards. STATUS: 02/28/2005 To ASSEMBLY Committee on TRANSPORTATION. Subject: AirQuality, Transport
CA AB 825	AUTHOR: Levine (D) TITLE: Air Resources: Binational Committee FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes URGENCY CLAUSE: no INTRODUCED: 02/18/2005 DISPOSITION: Pending COMMITTEE: Assembly Natural Resources Committee HEARING: 04/18/2005 1:30 pm SUMMARY: Requires the State Air Resources Board, in conjunction with the Legislature, to work towards creating a binational committee with Mexico to work on issues relating to air quality. STATUS: 03/03/2005 To ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES. Subject: AirQuality
CA AB 841	AUTHOR: Arambula (D) TITLE: Air Quality: Particulate Monitoring FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes URGENCY CLAUSE: no

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INTRODUCED: 02/18/2005
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: ASSEMBLY
SUMMARY:

Relates to existing law that requires the State Air Resources Board to develop and conduct an expanded and revised program of particulate monitoring. Requires that the monitoring network have sufficient site monitors and that the monitors be sited for all areas within an air basin.

STATUS:
 02/18/2005 INTRODUCED.
Subject: AirQuality

CA AB 888

AUTHOR: De La Torre (D)
TITLE: Air Pollution: South Coast Air Quality: Rail Yards
FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
INTRODUCED: 02/18/2005
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: ASSEMBLY
SUMMARY:

Relates to rail yard equipment emission in the South Coast Air Quality Management District. Authorizes the South Coast District to establish a rail yard equipment emission reduction program. Requires the State Air Resources Board to submit any regulations adopted by the south coast district to the federal Environmental Protection Agency for a waiver or authorization, unless the state board makes certain findings.

STATUS:
 02/18/2005 INTRODUCED.
Subject: AirQuality

CA AB 1007

AUTHOR: Pavley (D)
TITLE: Air Quality: Alternative Fuels
FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
INTRODUCED: 02/22/2005
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: ASSEMBLY
SUMMARY:

Requires the Sate Air Resources Board to develop and adopt recommendations for a state plan to increase the use of alternative fuels. Permits the state board to adopt regulations that consider the need for the state to increase the use of alternative transportation fuels to reduce the state's dependency on petroleum fuels.

STATUS:
 02/22/2005 INTRODUCED.
Subject: AirQuality

CA AB 1101

AUTHOR: Oropeza (D)
TITLE: Air Pollution: Diesel Magnet Sources
INTRODUCED: 02/22/2005
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: ASSEMBLY
SUMMARY:

Expresses the Legislature's intent to define diesel magnet sources to include ports, airports, rail yards, distribution centers, and intermodal sites, and to establish the time frame for air pollution control and air quality management districts to review and, if necessary, revise policies and procedures, and for the largest diesel magnet sources to comply with the requirements applicable to traditional stationary sources.

STATUS:
 02/22/2005 INTRODUCED.
Subject: AirQuality

CA AB 1222

AUTHOR: Jones (D)
TITLE: Air Pollution: Locomotive Air Pollution Control
INTRODUCED: 02/22/2005
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: ASSEMBLY
SUMMARY:

Establishes the High-Polluting Locomotive Program. Encourages voluntary testing, repair, maintenance, or replacement of high polluting locomotives by their owners or operators. Requires the state board to establish a remote sensing program to determine the levels of air contaminants. Permits the state to impose a fee.

STATUS:

02/22/2005

INTRODUCED.

Subject:

AirQuality, Transport

CA AB 1231

AUTHOR:

Horton J (D)

TITLE:

Air Pollution

INTRODUCED:

02/22/2005

DISPOSITION:

Pending

COMMITTEE:

Assembly Natural Resources Committee

HEARING:

04/18/2005 1:30 pm

SUMMARY:

Relates to the South Coast Air Quality Management District board. Requires the South Coast District Board to adopt rules and regulations, not in conflict with state and federal laws, rules, and regulations.

STATUS:

03/10/2005

To ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.

Subject:

AirQuality

CA AB 1269

AUTHOR:

Pavley (D)

TITLE:

Clean Air, Clean Water, and Coastal Protection

INTRODUCED:

02/22/2005

DISPOSITION:

Pending

LOCATION:

ASSEMBLY

SUMMARY:

Enacts the Clean Air, Clean Water, Coastal Protection, and Parks Bond Act which would authorize issuance of bonds financing a air and water quality, coastal protection, and parks program. Requires voter approval.

STATUS:

02/22/2005

INTRODUCED.

Subject:

AirQuality, Revenue/Bond

CA AB 1365

AUTHOR:

Ruskin (D)

TITLE:

Greenhouse Gas Emission Levels

INTRODUCED:

02/22/2005

DISPOSITION:

Pending

LOCATION:

ASSEMBLY

SUMMARY:

Amends existing law that requires the Governor to prepare a comprehensive State Environmental Goals and Policy Report including a statement of approved state environmental goals that are required to be consistent with state planning priorities. Includes as a state planning priority to provide for the reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.

STATUS:

02/22/2005

INTRODUCED.

Subject:

AirQuality

CA AB 1430

AUTHOR:

Goldberg (D)

TITLE:

Air Contaminants

INTRODUCED:

02/22/2005

DISPOSITION:

Pending

LOCATION:

ASSEMBLY

SUMMARY:

Prohibits market-based incentive programs from permitting emissions reductions credits to be used to perpetuate human exposure to air contaminants in communities within a district, or elevated risks associated with air contaminants, including, but not limited to, airborne toxins and particulate matter in low-income communities and communities with a significant minority population.

STATUS:

02/22/2005

INTRODUCED.

Subject:

AirQuality

CA SB 44

AUTHOR:

Kehoe (D)

0009

TITLE: General Plans: Air Quality Element
FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
INTRODUCED: 01/04/2005
LAST AMEND: 02/23/2005
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Senate Appropriations Committee
SUMMARY:

Requires the legislative body of each city and county, including those in the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District, to amend the appropriate elements of its general plan to include data and analysis, comprehensive goals, policies, and feasible implementation strategies to improve air quality no later than one year from the date specified for the next revision of its housing elements.

STATUS:

03/02/2005 From SENATE Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.

Subject: AirQuality, LandUse

CA SB 109

AUTHOR: Ortiz (D)
TITLE: Air Pollution: Minor Violations: Stationary Sources
INTRODUCED: 01/20/2005
DISPOSITION: Pending
COMMITTEE: Senate Environmental Quality Committee
HEARING: 04/04/2005 2:00 pm
SUMMARY:

Extends, until January 1, 2012, the requirement that the State Air Resources Board and each air pollution control district adopt a regulation or a rule that classifies certain violations as minor. Repeals the provision precluding criminal prosecution following the recovery of civil penalties for the same offense, and repeals the requirement that a civil action be dismissed upon the filing of a criminal complaint for the same offense.

STATUS:

02/10/2005 To SENATE Committees on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY and PUBLIC SAFETY.

Subject: AirQuality

CA SB 250

AUTHOR: Campbell (R)
TITLE: Vehicular Air Pollution Control: Hydrogen Fuel
FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
INTRODUCED: 02/15/2005
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Senate Environmental Quality Committee
SUMMARY:

Requires California Environmental Protection Agency to facilitate a steady, sustainable transition to broad-based, renewable hydrogen fuel in the state. Explores option to streamline the permitting process, and provides guidelines to local permitting agencies for hydrogen fuel codes and standards.

STATUS:

02/24/2005 To SENATE Committees on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY and TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING.

Subject: AirQuality, Energy, Transport

CA SB 459

AUTHOR: Romero (D)
TITLE: Air Pollution: South Coast District: Locomotives
FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
INTRODUCED: 02/18/2005
DISPOSITION: Pending
COMMITTEE: Senate Environmental Quality Committee
HEARING: 04/04/2005 2:00 pm
SUMMARY:

Authorizes the South Coast Air Quality Management District to adopt a locomotive emission impact mitigation fee to be imposed on railroad companies that operate in whole or in part within the Counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, or San Bernardino, if specified requirements are met. Authorizes the district to expend revenues derived from the mitigation fee in a manner that

directly reduces air contaminants or reduces the public health risks.

STATUS:

03/03/2005

To SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.

Subject:

AirQuality, Transport

CA SB 467

AUTHOR:

Lowenthal (D)

TITLE:

Carl Moyer Air Quality Standards Attainment Program

FISCAL COMMITTEE:

yes

URGENCY CLAUSE:

no

INTRODUCED:

02/18/2005

DISPOSITION:

Pending

COMMITTEE:

Senate Environmental Quality Committee

HEARING:

04/04/2005 2:00 pm

SUMMARY:

Requires the State Air Resources Board to revise the grant criteria and guidelines to incorporate projects in which an applicant turns in a non-road internal combustion engine vehicle or equipment that the applicant owns and which still has some useful life, coupled with the purchase of new electric equipment or a vehicle that is in a similar category or that can perform the same work.

STATUS:

03/03/2005

To SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.

Subject:

AirQuality

CA SB 475

AUTHOR:

Runner (R)

TITLE:

Air Pollution Inventory

FISCAL COMMITTEE:

no

URGENCY CLAUSE:

no

INTRODUCED:

02/18/2005

DISPOSITION:

Pending

LOCATION:

Senate Rules Committee

SUMMARY:

Makes a technical, nonsubstantive change to existing law that requires the State Air Resources Board to inventory sources of air pollution within the air basins of the state and determine the kinds and quantity of air pollutants, including the contribution of specified sources of emissions.

STATUS:

03/03/2005

To SENATE Committee on RULES.

Subject:

AirQuality

CA SB 757

AUTHOR:

Kehoe (D)

TITLE:

Petroleum Demand Reduction Act

INTRODUCED:

02/22/2005

DISPOSITION:

Pending

LOCATION:

Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee

SUMMARY:

Enacts the Petroleum Demand Reduction Act, which declares that it is the policy of the state that state agencies should take all cost-effective and technologically feasible actions needed to achieve a net zero increase in on-road petroleum consumption by 2010, and a significant reduction in petroleum demand and oil consumption by 2020. Declares that state agencies should take the state's petroleum reduction goals into account in adopting rules and regulations.

STATUS:

03/10/2005

To SENATE Committees on ENERGY, UTILITIES AND COMMUNICATIONS and ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.

Subject:

AirQuality

CA SB 761

AUTHOR:

Lowenthal (D)

TITLE:

Air Resources: Marine Terminals

INTRODUCED:

02/22/2005

DISPOSITION:

Pending

COMMITTEE:

Senate Transportation and Housing Committee

HEARING:

04/05/2005 1:30 pm

SUMMARY:

Requires each marine terminal in the state to operate in a manner that does not cause trucks to exceed a turn time, as defined, of 60 minutes while conducting business at a marine terminal, and eliminates specified exemptions for marine terminals meeting certain operational requirements. Requires each marine terminal to implement a scheduling or appointment system

for trucks to enter the terminal.

STATUS:

03/10/2005

To SENATE Committees on TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING and ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.

Subject:

AirQuality, Transport

CA SB 764

AUTHOR:

Lowenthal (D)

TITLE:

Air Resources: South Coast Air District: Ports

INTRODUCED:

02/22/2005

DISPOSITION:

Pending

COMMITTEE:

Senate Environmental Quality Committee

HEARING:

04/04/2005 2:00 pm

SUMMARY:

Requires the Port of Los Angeles and the Port of Long Beach to develop a baseline for air quality for their respective ports, in consultation with specified agencies. Requires the air quality baseline to be based on the level of emissions from specified sources. Requires the Port of Los Angeles and the Port of Long Beach to hold public hearings on the baseline data and discuss potential mitigation and control measures to reduce emissions from sources at the port.

STATUS:

03/10/2005

To SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.

Subject:

AirQuality, Transport

CA SB 829

AUTHOR:

Murray (D)

TITLE:

Air Quality: District Plans

INTRODUCED:

02/22/2005

DISPOSITION:

Pending

LOCATION:

Senate Rules Committee

SUMMARY:

Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to the provision permitting air pollution control districts and air quality management districts to use an alternative emission reduction strategy.

STATUS:

03/10/2005

To SENATE Committee on RULES.

Subject:

AirQuality

CA SB 857

AUTHOR:

Kuehl (D)

TITLE:

Air Quality: Districts: Rules and Regulations

INTRODUCED:

02/22/2005

DISPOSITION:

Pending

LOCATION:

Senate Rules Committee

SUMMARY:

Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes in the provisions relating to the prevention and abatement of air pollution episodes that cause discomfort or health risks to, or damage to the property of, a significant number of persons or class of persons.

STATUS:

03/10/2005

To SENATE Committee on RULES.

Subject:

AirQuality

CA SB 863

AUTHOR:

Florez (D)

TITLE:

California Clean Air Bond Act

INTRODUCED:

02/22/2005

DISPOSITION:

Pending

LOCATION:

Senate Environmental Quality Committee

SUMMARY:

Enacts the California Clean Air Bond Act, which authorizes the issuance of bonds for purposes of financing an air quality program. Requires the Secretary of State to submit the bond act to the voters at the November 2006 statewide general election.

STATUS:

03/10/2005

To SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.

Subject:

AirQuality, Revenue/Bond

CA SB 975

AUTHOR:

Ashburn (R)

TITLE:

Air Quality: Biodiesel Fuel

INTRODUCED:

02/22/2005

DISPOSITION:

Pending

LOCATION:

SENATE

0012

SUMMARY:

Provides that any public agency or regulated utility that uses biodiesel fuel in a vehicle engine to comply with federal ambient air quality requirements is exempt from any requirement to retrofit that vehicle engine until the retrofit engine is approved for use with biodiesel fuel.

STATUS:

02/22/2005

INTRODUCED.

Subject:

AirQuality, Energy, Transport

CA SB 984

AUTHOR:

McClintock (R)

TITLE:

Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reductions: Powerplants

INTRODUCED:

02/22/2005

DISPOSITION:

Pending

LOCATION:

SENATE

SUMMARY:

Requires the Energy Commission to establish an inventory of existing zero emission powerplants, including powerplants located in the state that produce electricity using wind, solar, or nuclear technology.

STATUS:

02/22/2005

INTRODUCED.

Subject:

AirQuality, Energy

CA SB 1056

AUTHOR:

Florez (D)

TITLE:

Air Pollution: Districts: Permits

INTRODUCED:

02/22/2005

DISPOSITION:

Pending

LOCATION:

SENATE

SUMMARY:

Requires every air pollution control district board or air quality management district to establish, by regulation, a permit system, and would require the regulations to provide that a permit is valid only for a specified period.

STATUS:

02/22/2005

INTRODUCED.

Subject:

AirQuality

US H 206

SPONSOR:

Serrano (D)

TITLE:

Internal Revenue Code of 1986

INTRODUCED:

01/04/2005

DISPOSITION:

Pending

LOCATION:

House Ways and Means Committee

SUMMARY:

Amends the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a business credit relating to the use of clean - fuel vehicles by businesses within areas designated as nonattainment areas under the Clean Air Act.

STATUS:

01/04/2005

INTRODUCED.

01/04/2005

To HOUSE Committee on WAYS AND MEANS.

US H 227

SPONSOR:

Sweeney (R)

TITLE:

Clean Air Act

INTRODUCED:

01/04/2005

DISPOSITION:

Pending

LOCATION:

House Energy and Commerce Committee

SUMMARY:

Reduces acid deposition under the Clean Air Act, and for other purposes.

STATUS:

01/04/2005

INTRODUCED.

01/04/2005

To HOUSE Committee on ENERGY AND COMMERCE.

US H 340

SPONSOR:

Moran Jr (D)

TITLE:

Clean Air Act

INTRODUCED:

01/25/2005

DISPOSITION:

Pending

LOCATION:

House Energy and Commerce Committee

SUMMARY:

Amends the Clean Air Act to prohibit stationary sources located in ozone nonattainment areas

from purchasing nitrogen oxide emission credits under the Environmental Protection Agency's nitrogen oxide trading program without the consent of the state in which such source is located.

STATUS:

01/25/2005

INTRODUCED.

01/25/2005

To HOUSE Committee on ENERGY AND COMMERCE.

US S 131

SPONSOR:

Inhofe (R)

TITLE:

Air Pollution

INTRODUCED:

01/24/2005

DISPOSITION:

Pending

LOCATION:

Senate Environment and Public Works Committee

SUMMARY:

A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to reduce air pollution through expansion of cap and trade programs, to provide an alternative regulatory classification for units subject to the cap and trade program.

STATUS:

03/09/2005

In SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS:
Consideration and mark-up session held.

US S 150

SPONSOR:

Jeffords (I)

TITLE:

Powerplant Emissions

INTRODUCED:

01/25/2005

DISPOSITION:

Pending

LOCATION:

Senate Environment and Public Works Committee

SUMMARY:

A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to reduce emissions from electric powerplants, and for other purposes.

STATUS:

01/25/2005

INTRODUCED.

01/25/2005

In SENATE. Read second time.

01/25/2005

To SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS.

Subject:

Energy

Private file: EconomicDevelopment

CA AB 261

AUTHOR:

Koretz (D)

TITLE:

Film California First Program

INTRODUCED:

02/08/2005

DISPOSITION:

Pending

LOCATION:

ASSEMBLY

SUMMARY:

Expresses the intent of the Legislature to restore state funding to the Film California First Program, established within the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency.

STATUS:

02/08/2005

INTRODUCED.

Subject:

EconDevel

CA AB 285

AUTHOR:

Haynes (R)

TITLE:

Economic Development

FISCAL COMMITTEE:

no

URGENCY CLAUSE:

no

INTRODUCED:

02/09/2005

DISPOSITION:

Pending

LOCATION:

ASSEMBLY

SUMMARY:

State the intent of the Legislature to enact the necessary statutory changes to authorize the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency to encourage the investment of venture capital in economically depressed areas of the state.

STATUS:

02/09/2005

INTRODUCED.

Subject:

EconDevel

CA AB 402

AUTHOR:

Dymally (D)

TITLE:

Borders: Mexico

FISCAL COMMITTEE:

no

0014

URGENCY CLAUSE: no
INTRODUCED: 02/15/2005
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: ASSEMBLY
SUMMARY:

Makes a technical, nonsubstantive change in existing law that establishes in state government an Office of California-Mexico Affairs, which includes the operations of the Commission of the Californias and the California Office of the Southwest Border Regional Conference.

STATUS:
02/15/2005 INTRODUCED.
Subject: EconDevel

CA AB 559

AUTHOR: Emmerson (R)
TITLE: Redevelopment: Funds
INTRODUCED: 02/16/2005
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: ASSEMBLY
SUMMARY:

Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes in the provision that authorizes a redevelopment agency to pledge its tax increment revenues for the payment on loans, advances or indebtedness.

STATUS:
02/16/2005 INTRODUCED.
Subject: EconDevel

CA AB 623

AUTHOR: Gordon (D)
TITLE: Redevelopment: Los Angeles Air Force Base
INTRODUCED: 02/17/2005
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: ASSEMBLY
SUMMARY:

Authorizes the legislative bodies of communities located in Los Angeles County to adopt ordinances to expend their tax-increment moneys outside of their territorial jurisdiction to implement the Los Angeles Air Force Base Retention Program through the formation of a separate joint powers entity, as specified.

STATUS:
02/17/2005 INTRODUCED.
Subject: EconDevel

CA AB 732

AUTHOR: Leslie (R)
TITLE: Economic Development: Neighborhoods
INTRODUCED: 02/17/2005
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: ASSEMBLY
SUMMARY:

Enacts the Neighborhood Initiative that would require the Governor to designate an agency that would designate, and annually recertify, 25 renewal communities within the state, subject to specified criteria, to be linked with available federal funding, public or private resources, and specified state resources.

STATUS:
02/17/2005 INTRODUCED.
Subject: EconDevel

CA AB 1395

AUTHOR: Nunez (D)
TITLE: California-Mexico Relations
INTRODUCED: 02/22/2005
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Assembly Jobs, Economic Development and The Economy Committee
SUMMARY:

Requires the Secretary of Business, Transportation and Housing to coordinate an interagency California Mexico Relations Ten year Plan to be submitted to the Governor and the Legislature no later than July 1, 2006.

STATUS:
03/14/2005 To ASSEMBLY Committee on JOBS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND THE ECONOMY.

Subject:		EconDevel
CA AB 1562	AUTHOR:	Assembly Jobs, Economic Development and The Economy Committee
	TITLE:	International Trade
	INTRODUCED:	02/22/2005
	DISPOSITION:	Pending
	LOCATION:	ASSEMBLY
	SUMMARY:	Requires the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency to be responsible for coordinating and conducting international trade and investment programs and activities in the state. Requires the secretary, upon the direction of the Governor, to establish a California Office of Global Trade and Investment in the agency, and sets forth the duties of the office in carrying out the agency's responsibilities with respect to international trade and investment in the state.
	STATUS:	
	02/22/2005	INTRODUCED.
	Subject:	EconDevel, Transport
CA SB 6	AUTHOR:	Ducheny (D)
	TITLE:	Enterprise Zones: Designation Period
	FISCAL COMMITTEE:	yes
	URGENCY CLAUSE:	yes
	INTRODUCED:	12/06/2004
	LAST AMEND:	03/07/2005
	DISPOSITION:	Pending
	LOCATION:	Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee
	SUMMARY:	Relates to the Enterprise Zone Act designations by the Department of Housing and Community Development. Specifies that the designation period of any enterprise zone may total 20 years, subject to certain conditions.
	STATUS:	
	03/15/2005	From SENATE Committee on TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING: Do pass to Committee on REVENUE AND TAXATION.
	Subject:	EconDevel
CA SB 58	AUTHOR:	Murray (D)
	TITLE:	Economic Development: Motion Picture Production
	FISCAL COMMITTEE:	no
	URGENCY CLAUSE:	no
	INTRODUCED:	01/12/2005
	DISPOSITION:	Pending
	LOCATION:	Senate Rules Committee
	SUMMARY:	Expresses the intent of the Legislature to discourage the practice of producing and filming motion pictures outside the state.
	STATUS:	
	01/27/2005	To SENATE Committee on RULES.
	Subject:	EconDevel
CA SB 254	AUTHOR:	Torlakson (D)
	TITLE:	Economic Development
	FISCAL COMMITTEE:	yes
	URGENCY CLAUSE:	no
	INTRODUCED:	02/15/2005
	DISPOSITION:	Pending
	COMMITTEE:	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee
	HEARING:	04/05/2005 1:30 pm
	SUMMARY:	Authorizes the Department of Housing and Community Development to charge a fee in connection with the costs of administering provisions relating to the targeted tax area program and the Local Agency Military Base Recovery Act, and requires the department to also assess an enterprise zone, a manufacturing enhancement area, a targeted tax area, and a local agency military base recovery area (LAMBRA) the same fee of not more than \$10.
	STATUS:	
	02/24/2005	To SENATE Committees on TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING and REVENUE AND TAXATION.

Subject:		EconDevel
CA SB 334	AUTHOR:	Murray (D)
	TITLE:	Business Climate in California
	INTRODUCED:	02/16/2005
	DISPOSITION:	Pending
	LOCATION:	Senate Rules Committee
	SUMMARY:	Expresses the Legislature's intent to improve the business climate in this state.
	STATUS:	
	02/24/2005	To SENATE Committee on RULES.
Subject:		EconDevel
CA SB 992	AUTHOR:	Ashburn (R)
	TITLE:	Economic Development: Military Bases
	INTRODUCED:	02/22/2005
	DISPOSITION:	Pending
	LOCATION:	SENATE
	SUMMARY:	Makes a technical, nonsubstantive change to the Local Agency Military Base Recovery Area Act. Authorizes local agencies to propose to the Department of Housing and Community Development specific geographic areas to receive regulatory, tax and other governmental program incentives to offset federal military base closures by being designated local agency military base recovery areas.
	STATUS:	
	02/22/2005	INTRODUCED.
Subject:		EconDevel
US H 145	SPONSOR:	McHugh (R)
	TITLE:	Economic Grant Program
	INTRODUCED:	01/04/2005
	DISPOSITION:	Pending
	LOCATION:	Multiple Committees
	SUMMARY:	Establishes a grant program to support cluster-based economic development efforts.
	STATUS:	
	01/04/2005	INTRODUCED.
	01/04/2005	To HOUSE Committee on TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE.
	01/04/2005	Additionally referred to HOUSE Committee on FINANCIAL SERVICES.
US H 614	SPONSOR:	McIntyre (D)
	TITLE:	Free Trade Agreement
	INTRODUCED:	02/08/2005
	DISPOSITION:	Pending
	LOCATION:	Multiple Committees
	SUMMARY:	To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives and job training grants for communities affected by the migration of businesses and jobs to Canada or Mexico as a result of the North American Free Trade Agreement.
	STATUS:	
	02/08/2005	INTRODUCED.
	02/08/2005	To HOUSE Committee on WAYS AND MEANS.
	02/08/2005	Additionally referred to HOUSE Committee on EDUCATION AND THE WORKFORCE.
Private file: Energy		
CA AB 200	AUTHOR:	Leslie (R)
	TITLE:	Renewable Energy Resources: Portfolio Standard Program
	FISCAL COMMITTEE:	no
	URGENCY CLAUSE:	no
	INTRODUCED:	01/31/2005
	DISPOSITION:	Pending
	COMMITTEE:	Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee
	HEARING:	04/04/2005 3:00 pm

SUMMARY:

Relates to the California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program. Adopts certain modifications to the renewables portfolio standard program that are applicable only to an electrical corporation with 60,000 or fewer customer accounts in the state that serves retail end-use customers outside California.

STATUS:

02/07/2005

To ASSEMBLY Committees on UTILITIES AND COMMERCE and NATURAL RESOURCES.

Subject:

Energy

CA AB 380

AUTHOR:

Nunez (D)

TITLE:

Electrical Restructuring: Resource Adequacy

INTRODUCED:

02/11/2005

DISPOSITION:

Pending

LOCATION:

Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee

SUMMARY:

Requires the Public Utilities Commission, in consultation with the Independent System Operator, to establish resource adequacy requirements to ensure that adequate physical generating capacity, dedicated to serving all load requirements, is available to meet peak demand plus requisite planning and operating reserves. Requires that the cost of meeting resource adequacy requirements be fully recoverable from all customers taking service from an electrical corporation on a nonbypassable basis.

STATUS:

02/22/2005

To ASSEMBLY Committee on UTILITIES AND COMMERCE.

Subject:

Energy

CA AB 515

AUTHOR:

Richman (R)

TITLE:

Electrical Corporations

INTRODUCED:

02/16/2005

DISPOSITION:

Pending

COMMITTEE:

Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee

HEARING:

04/04/2005 3:00 pm

SUMMARY:

Requires the Public Utilities Commission to adopt rules under which noncore customers elect whether to procure electricity service (commodity service) from an electric service provider, elect to receive commodity service from the electrical corporation under a procurement plan for a minimum period of 3 years, or receive default commodity service from the electrical corporation.

STATUS:

03/10/2005

To ASSEMBLY Committees on UTILITIES AND COMMERCE and NATURAL RESOURCES.

Subject:

Energy

CA AB 650

AUTHOR:

Cogdill (R)

TITLE:

Electrical Restructuring: Aggregation

INTRODUCED:

02/17/2005

DISPOSITION:

Pending

COMMITTEE:

Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee

HEARING:

04/04/2005 3:00 pm

SUMMARY:

Authorizes certain irrigation districts and municipal utility districts to act as community choice aggregators. Provides procedures for a city or county to opt out of a community choice aggregation program proposed by an irrigation district or a municipal utility district.

STATUS:

02/28/2005

To ASSEMBLY Committee on UTILITIES AND COMMERCE.

Subject:

Energy

CA AB 728

AUTHOR:

Negrete McLeod (D)

TITLE:

Electricity: Biogas Digester Customer-Generators

INTRODUCED:

02/17/2005

DISPOSITION:

Pending

COMMITTEE:

Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee

HEARING:

04/04/2005 3:00 pm

SUMMARY:

Extends indefinitely the operation of the biogas customer-generator program, as well as references to the program being a pilot program. Authorizes a biogas digester electrical

STATUS:

To ASSEMBLY Committee on UTILITIES AND COMMERCE.

Energy

AUTHOR:

TITLE:

FISCAL COMMITTEE:

URGENCY CLAUSE:

INTRODUCED:

DISPOSITION:

Planning

COMMITTEE:

Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee

HEARING:

04/04/2005 3:00 pm

SUMMARY:

STATUS:

To ASSEMBLY Committee on UTILITIES AND COMMERCE.

Energy

AUTHOR:

TITLE:

INTRODUCED:

DISPOSITION:

LOCATION:

SUMMARY:

STATUS:

INTRODUCED.

Energy

AUTHOR:

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AUTHOR:

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DISPOSITION:

LOCATION:

SUMMARY:

STATUS:

INTRODUCED.

Energy

CA AB 1547	AUTHOR: TITLE: INTRODUCED: DISPOSITION: LOCATION: SUMMARY:	Levine (D) Energy: Solar Generation of Electricity 02/22/2005 Pending Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee Enacts the Solar Energy Peak Procurement Act. Excepts moneys expended through the Emerging Renewable Resources Account from the requirement that the Energy Commission prepare an investment plan on or before March 31, 2006. Authorizes the commission to advance moneys to the Emerging Renewable Resources Account and to expend those moneys without further legislative action, subject to certain existing repayment provisions.
	STATUS: 03/14/2005 Subject:	To ASSEMBLY Committees on UTILITIES AND COMMERCE and NATURAL RESOURCES. Energy
CA AB 1555	AUTHOR: TITLE: INTRODUCED: DISPOSITION: COMMITTEE: HEARING: SUMMARY:	La Malfa (R) California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program 02/22/2005 Pending Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee 04/04/2005 3:00 pm Defines eligible renewable energy resource to include the output of a hydroelectric generation facility procured or owned by an electrical corporation as of January 1, 2003.
	STATUS: 03/14/2005 Subject:	To ASSEMBLY Committees on UTILITIES AND COMMERCE and NATURAL RESOURCES. Energy
CA AB 1576	AUTHOR: TITLE: INTRODUCED: DISPOSITION: LOCATION: SUMMARY:	Nunez (D) California Alternative Energy Authority 02/22/2005 Pending ASSEMBLY Includes in the definition of "alternative sources of energy," for purposes of the Alternative Energy and Advanced Transportation Financing Authority Act, the use of electricity from an existing electrical generating facility repowered for increased efficiency.
	STATUS: 02/22/2005 Subject:	INTRODUCED. Energy
CA AB 1585	AUTHOR: TITLE: FISCAL COMMITTEE: URGENCY CLAUSE: INTRODUCED: DISPOSITION: LOCATION: SUMMARY:	Blakeslee (R) Renewable Energy Resources: California Renewables yes no 02/22/2005 Pending ASSEMBLY Declares the intent of the Legislature to increase the amount of electricity generated per year from renewable sources, so that it equals 20% of the total electricity sold to retail customers in California per year by the year 2010.
	STATUS: 02/22/2005 Subject:	INTRODUCED. Energy
CA AB 1632	AUTHOR: TITLE: INTRODUCED: DISPOSITION: LOCATION: SUMMARY:	Blakeslee (R) Energy Resources 02/22/2005 Pending ASSEMBLY Declares the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation relating to thermal power plants.

	STATUS: 02/22/2005 Subject:	INTRODUCED. Energy
CA AB 1704	AUTHOR: TITLE: INTRODUCED: DISPOSITION: LOCATION: SUMMARY:	Richman (R) Electricity: Electrical Restructuring 02/22/2005 Pending ASSEMBLY Requires the Public Utilities Commission to adopt rules meeting specified requirements, to transition to a core/noncore electrical market structure. Requires that the procurement plan approved by the Commission enable the electrical corporation to fulfill its obligation to serve its core customers and core-elect customers, at just and reasonable rates, while minimizing the risk of stranded electricity procurement costs.
	STATUS: 02/22/2005 Subject:	INTRODUCED. Energy
CA AB 1736	AUTHOR: TITLE: FISCAL COMMITTEE: URGENCY CLAUSE: INTRODUCED: DISPOSITION: LOCATION: SUMMARY:	Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee Renewable Energy: Portfolio Standard Program no no 02/24/2005 Pending ASSEMBLY Revises the definition of "eligible renewable energy resource" under the California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program.
	STATUS: 02/24/2005 Subject:	INTRODUCED. Energy
CA SB 1	AUTHOR: TITLE: FISCAL COMMITTEE: URGENCY CLAUSE: INTRODUCED: LAST AMEND: DISPOSITION: LOCATION: SUMMARY:	Murray (D) Energy: Renewable Energy Resources: Solar Roofs yes no 12/06/2004 02/28/2005 Pending Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee Establishes the Million Solar Roofs Initiative with the goal of establishing a million solar energy systems on new and existing residential and commercial customer sites and establishing a self-sufficient solar industry in 10 years. Requires all local publicly owned electric utilities to establish a solar roofs initiative. Requires the Public Utilities Commission to order electrical corporations to expand the availability of net energy metering until it exceeds 0.5% of total electricity sales.
	STATUS: 02/28/2005 02/28/2005 Subject:	From SENATE Committee on ENERGY, UTILITIES AND COMMUNICATIONS with author's amendments. In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on ENERGY, UTILITIES AND COMMUNICATIONS. Environment
CA SB 107	AUTHOR: TITLE: INTRODUCED: DISPOSITION: LOCATION: SUMMARY:	Simitian (D) Renewable Energy 01/20/2005 Pending Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee Revises and recasts language so that the amount of electricity generated per year from renewable energy resources is increased to an amount that equals at least 20% of the total electricity sold to retail customers per year by December 31, 2010. Requires the Energy Commission to establish a renewable energy credit trading program and to develop tracking, accounting, verification, and enforcement mechanisms for the program.

	STATUS: 02/10/2005 Subject:	To SENATE Committee on ENERGY, UTILITIES AND COMMUNICATIONS. Energy
CA SB 309	AUTHOR: TITLE: INTRODUCED: DISPOSITION: LOCATION: SUMMARY:	Torlakson (D) Energy Resources: Petroleum Infrastructure Projects 02/16/2005 Pending Senate Rules Committee Makes legislative findings and declarations related to the need to improve reliability and efficiency and increase energy production capacity in the state to meet the demand for cleaner burning transportation fuels and declare the intent the legislature to amend the Warren-Alquist State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Act.
	STATUS: 02/24/2005 Subject:	To SENATE Committee on RULES. Energy
CA SB 426	AUTHOR: TITLE: INTRODUCED: DISPOSITION: LOCATION: SUMMARY:	Simitian (D) Alternative Energy & Transportation Financing 02/17/2005 Pending Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee Requires the emergency regulations adopted by the California Alternative Energy and Advanced Transportation Financing Authority for the renewable energy program be repealed 190 days after their effective date unless specified conditions are met.
	STATUS: 03/03/2005 Subject:	To SENATE Committee on ENERGY, UTILITIES AND COMMUNICATIONS. Energy, Transport
CA SB 431	AUTHOR: TITLE: INTRODUCED: DISPOSITION: LOCATION: SUMMARY:	Battin (R) Electricity: Repowering of Facilities 02/17/2005 Pending Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee Requires the Public Utilities Commission to develop and implement a program to foster the repowering of existing facilities for the generation of electricity from renewable energy resources by April 1, 2006, that imposes specified requirements on electrical corporations in connection with their contractual relations with owners of those facilities.
	STATUS: 03/03/2005 Subject:	To SENATE Committee on ENERGY, UTILITIES AND COMMUNICATIONS. Energy
CA SB 641	AUTHOR: TITLE: INTRODUCED: DISPOSITION: LOCATION: SUMMARY:	Campbell (R) Electricity: Electrical Restructuring 02/22/2005 Pending Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee Requires that the Public Utilities Commission reestablish the right of end-use customers to enter into direct transactions. Provides that the right of end-use customers to enter into direct transactions is to be pursuant to a core/non-core structure, to be defined by the commission.
	STATUS: 03/03/2005 Subject:	To SENATE Committee on ENERGY, UTILITIES AND COMMUNICATIONS. Energy
CA SB 669	AUTHOR: TITLE: INTRODUCED: DISPOSITION: LOCATION: SUMMARY:	Battin (R) Electricity: Cogeneration 02/22/2005 Pending Senate Rules Committee Declares that it is the policy of the state to encourage private capital investment in customer

generation to increase the state's energy supply, to provide tools to customers to manage their energy costs, and to reduce the need for distribution and transmission investments.

STATUS:

03/10/2005

To SENATE Committee on RULES.

Subject:

Energy

CA SB 957

AUTHOR:

Escutia (D)

TITLE:

Generation Facilities

INTRODUCED:

02/22/2005

DISPOSITION:

Pending

LOCATION:

SENATE

SUMMARY:

Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to electrical restructuring. Requires the Public Utilities Commission to continue to regulate the facilities for the generation of electricity owned by any public utility before January 1, 1997, that are subject to commission regulation until the owner of those facilities has applied to the commission to dispose of those facilities and has been authorized by the commission to undertake that disposal.

STATUS:

02/22/2005

INTRODUCED.

Subject:

Energy

CA SB 1048

AUTHOR:

Machado (D)

TITLE:

Electrical Restructuring: Distributed Energy Resources

INTRODUCED:

02/22/2005

DISPOSITION:

Pending

LOCATION:

SENATE

SUMMARY:

Changes the criteria for distributed energy resources to include electric generation technology that commences initial operation between May 1, 2001, and December 31, 2010, and has 40 megawatts or smaller in aggregate capacity. Modifies the definition of "ultraclean and low-emission distributed generation" as an electric generation technology that produces zero emissions during operation or that produces emissions that are equal to or less than the limits established by the State Air Resources Board.

STATUS:

02/22/2005

INTRODUCED.

Subject:

AirQuality, Energy

US H 36

SPONSOR:

King S (R)

TITLE:

Internal Revenue Code Of 1986

INTRODUCED:

01/04/2005

DISPOSITION:

Pending

LOCATION:

House Ways and Means Committee

SUMMARY:

Amends the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a small agri - biodiesel producer credit and to improve the small ethanol producer credit.

STATUS:

01/04/2005

INTRODUCED.

01/04/2005

To HOUSE Committee on WAYS AND MEANS.

US H 423

SPONSOR:

Terry (R)

TITLE:

Advanced Power System Technology Incentives Program

INTRODUCED:

01/26/2005

DISPOSITION:

Pending

LOCATION:

House Energy and Commerce Committee

SUMMARY:

To authorize the Secretary of Energy to establish an Advanced Power System Technology Incentives Program to fund the development and deployment of new advanced technologies such as advanced fuel cells, turbines, or hybrid power systems or power storage systems to generate or store electric energy, and for other purposes.

STATUS:

01/26/2005

INTRODUCED.

01/26/2005

To HOUSE Committee on ENERGY AND COMMERCE.

US H 622

SPONSOR:

Bono (R)

TITLE:

Renewable Energy Production Incentive Program

0023

	INTRODUCED: 02/08/2005 DISPOSITION: Pending LOCATION: House Energy and Commerce Committee SUMMARY: To reauthorize and revise the Renewable Energy Production Incentive program, and for other purposes. STATUS: 02/08/2005 INTRODUCED. 02/08/2005 To HOUSE Committee on ENERGY AND COMMERCE.
US H 737	SPONSOR: Woolsey (D) TITLE: Energy INTRODUCED: 02/09/2005 DISPOSITION: Pending LOCATION: House Science Committee SUMMARY: To establish an energy program for the United States that unlocks the potential of renewable energy and energy efficiency, and for other purposes. STATUS: 02/09/2005 INTRODUCED. 02/09/2005 To HOUSE Committee on SCIENCE.
US S 326	SPONSOR: Smith (R) TITLE: Renewable Energy Production Incentive Program INTRODUCED: 02/09/2005 DISPOSITION: Pending LOCATION: Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee SUMMARY: A bill to reauthorize and revise the Renewable Energy Production Incentive program, and for other purposes. STATUS: 02/09/2005 INTRODUCED. 02/09/2005 In SENATE. Read second time. 02/09/2005 To SENATE Committee on ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES.
Private file: Environment	
CA AB 486	AUTHOR: Leslie (R) TITLE: Urban Open Space and Recreation FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes URGENCY CLAUSE: no INTRODUCED: 02/16/2005 DISPOSITION: Pending COMMITTEE: Assembly Local Government Committee HEARING: 03/30/2005 1:30 pm SUMMARY: Provides that 12% of the moneys for the acquisition or development of recreational lands and facilities, or for innovative recreation programs, under the Urban Open-Space and Recreation Program shall also be available to counties for those projects. STATUS: 03/10/2005 To ASSEMBLY Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT. Subject: Environment
CA AB 597	AUTHOR: Montanez (D) TITLE: Response Actions: Brownfield Sites INTRODUCED: 02/17/2005 DISPOSITION: Pending LOCATION: Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee SUMMARY: Revises the public participation procedures under the Land Reuse and Revitalization Act of 2004 that are required to be included in the response plan, including requiring the agency to notify all other appropriate governmental entities and local agencies that is not party to the response plan regarding the proposed response action. Requires the regional board to provide reasonable public notice in English and other languages commonly spoken in the area for public review and comment.

STATUS:
03/03/2005 To ASSEMBLY Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY AND TOXIC MATERIALS.
Subject: Environment

CA SB 153 **AUTHOR:** Chesbro (D)
TITLE: Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection Act
INTRODUCED: 02/08/2005
DISPOSITION: Pending
COMMITTEE: Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee
HEARING: 03/29/2005 9:00 am
SUMMARY:
Enacts the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2006. Authorizes the issuance of bonds for the purpose of financing a program for the acquisition, development, and preservation of park, recreational, water, coastal, agricultural land, air, cultural, and historical resources.
STATUS:
02/24/2005 To SENATE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER.
Subject: AirQuality, Environment, Water

US H 444 **SPONSOR:** Issa (R)
TITLE: High Occupancy Vehicles
INTRODUCED: 02/01/2005
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee
SUMMARY:
To amend title 23, United States Code, relating to the use of high occupancy vehicle lanes by hybrid vehicles.
STATUS:
02/01/2005 INTRODUCED.
02/01/2005 To HOUSE Committee on TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE.

Private file: Housing

CA AB 14 **AUTHOR:** Harman (R)
TITLE: Common Interest Developments: Conversions
FISCAL COMMITTEE: no
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
INTRODUCED: 12/06/2004
DISPOSITION: Pending
COMMITTEE: Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee
HEARING: 03/30/2005 9:00 am
SUMMARY:
Requires that a document be recorded certifying the consent of the city or county to a conversion of an existing property into a common interest development of less than 5 units as part of the creation of a development. Prohibits an assessor from taking action on, or assigning parcel numbers for, a common interest development, without receiving a document certifying the consent of the local government.
STATUS:
01/18/2005 To ASSEMBLY Committees on HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT and LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
Subject: Housing

CA AB 63 **AUTHOR:** Strickland (R)
TITLE: Elderly and Disabled Home Improvement Loan Program
FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
INTRODUCED: 12/09/2004
DISPOSITION: Pending
COMMITTEE: Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee
HEARING: 03/30/2005 9:00 am
SUMMARY:
Establishes within the Department of Housing and Community Development the Elderly and Disabled Persons' Revolving Home Improvement Loan Program to provide grants to local public agencies or nonprofit corporations, or to provide no-interest home improvement loans to

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qualified low- and moderate-income elderly and disabled individuals to assist them with daily activities and prevent injury and to allow them to remain safely in their own homes.

STATUS:

01/06/2005

To ASSEMBLY Committees on HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT and AGING & LONG-TERM CARE.

Subject:

Housing

CA AB 350

AUTHOR:

Matthews (D)

TITLE:

Jobs-Housing Opportunity Zones

FISCAL COMMITTEE:

yes

URGENCY CLAUSE:

no

INTRODUCED:

02/10/2005

DISPOSITION:

Pending

COMMITTEE:

Assembly Local Government Committee

HEARING:

03/30/2005 1:30 pm

SUMMARY:

Authorizes counties and cities to create infrastructure financing districts in jobs-housing opportunity zones for the purpose of adopting an infrastructure financing plan to finance public capital facilities for the purpose of mitigating current and future imbalances of jobs and housing in the Counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Santa Clara, San Joaquin, and Stanislaus. Requires approval of the district by the district's landowners or voters and of the bonds to be issued by the district.

STATUS:

02/24/2005

To ASSEMBLY Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Subject:

Housing

CA AB 408

AUTHOR:

Tran (R)

TITLE:

Housing: Financial Discrimination

FISCAL COMMITTEE:

yes

URGENCY CLAUSE:

no

INTRODUCED:

02/15/2005

DISPOSITION:

Pending

LOCATION:

Assembly Banking and Finance Committee

SUMMARY:

Repeals existing law that requires the Secretary of Business, Transportation and Housing to monitor and investigate the lending patterns and practices of financial institutions for compliance with the prohibition against discrimination in the availability of, or in the provision of, financial assistance for the purpose of purchasing, construction, rehabilitation, improving, or refinancing housing accommodations.

STATUS:

03/14/2005

To ASSEMBLY Committees on BANKING AND FINANCE and JUDICIARY.

Subject:

Housing

CA AB 549

AUTHOR:

Salinas (D)

TITLE:

Affordable Housing

INTRODUCED:

02/16/2005

DISPOSITION:

Pending

LOCATION:

Assembly Local Government Committee

SUMMARY:

Establishes a pilot program as an alternative means of determining whether a housing element substantially complies with affordable housing provisions by establishing an affordable housing requirement if specified conditions are met by a city or county. Requires a city and county that adopts an alternative production-based certification of its housing element to submit a certification of compliance within 10 days of the adoption of the final draft.

STATUS:

03/03/2005

To ASSEMBLY Committees on LOCAL GOVERNMENT and HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

Subject:

Housing

CA AB 619

AUTHOR:

Leslie (R)

TITLE:

Common Interest Developments: Assessments

INTRODUCED:

02/17/2005

DISPOSITION:

Pending

LOCATION:

ASSEMBLY

SUMMARY:

Eliminates the right of an owner in a common interest development to request a meeting, and the obligation of the board of directors of the association to meet with the owner, to discuss a payment plan for delinquent assessments. Requires, instead, that the notice of delinquent assessment include a checkbox and signature line for the owner to request a payment plan, and requires the association to provide the owner with the standards for payment plans.

STATUS:

02/17/2005

INTRODUCED.

Subject:

Housing

CA AB 782

AUTHOR:

Mullin (D)

TITLE:

Housing

FISCAL COMMITTEE:

no

URGENCY CLAUSE:

no

INTRODUCED:

02/18/2005

DISPOSITION:

Pending

LOCATION:

ASSEMBLY

SUMMARY:

Makes legislative findings and declarations regarding the need to make more housing available.

STATUS:

02/18/2005

INTRODUCED.

Subject:

Housing

CA AB 890

AUTHOR:

Cogdill (R)

TITLE:

Housing

FISCAL COMMITTEE:

no

URGENCY CLAUSE:

no

INTRODUCED:

02/18/2005

DISPOSITION:

Pending

LOCATION:

ASSEMBLY

SUMMARY:

States legislative findings and declarations regarding the lack, supply, and cost of housing.

STATUS:

02/18/2005

INTRODUCED.

Subject:

Housing

CA AB 1203

AUTHOR:

Mullin (D)

TITLE:

Housing: Regional Job Growth

INTRODUCED:

02/22/2005

DISPOSITION:

Pending

LOCATION:

ASSEMBLY

SUMMARY:

Authorizes local governments to create Greyfield housing and investments zones in areas where additional job growth and high density housing is desired to match transportation, air quality, and other regional priorities. Provides that the created zones shall have tax increment authority, access to transportation funds, future infrastructure improvement funds, and affordable housing funds.

STATUS:

02/22/2005

INTRODUCED.

Subject:

AirQuality, EconDevel, Housing, Transport

CA AB 1233

AUTHOR:

Jones (D)

TITLE:

Housing Element: Regional Housing Need

INTRODUCED:

02/22/2005

DISPOSITION:

Pending

LOCATION:

ASSEMBLY

SUMMARY:

Requires that the inventory of land suitable for residential development under the housing element of a general plan include the jurisdiction's share of the regional housing need in the current planning period and any portion of the share that remains unmet from the planning period for all income levels.

STATUS:

02/22/2005

INTRODUCED.

Subject:

Housing

CA AB 1259

AUTHOR:

Daucher (R)

0027

TITLE: Property Tax Revenue Allocations
INTRODUCED: 02/22/2005
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: ASSEMBLY
SUMMARY:

Declares the Legislature's intent to enact legislation that would reward cities and counties that exceed 80% of their Regional Housing Need Assessment (RHNA) goals over a 5 year period with an increased share of the annual tax increment that is allocated among local agencies in a county.

STATUS:
 02/22/2005 INTRODUCED.
Subject: Housing, Revenue/Bond

CA AB 1367

AUTHOR: Evans (D)
TITLE: General Plans: Regional Housing Needs
INTRODUCED: 02/22/2005
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: ASSEMBLY
SUMMARY:

Declares the Legislature's intent to enact legislation that would direct state and regional agencies to take into account locally passed land use initiatives when calculating the fair share of regional housing for cities and counties.

STATUS:
 02/22/2005 INTRODUCED.
Subject: Housing

CA AB 1387

AUTHOR: Jones (D)
TITLE: CEQA: Residential Infill Projects
INTRODUCED: 02/22/2005
DISPOSITION: Pending
COMMITTEE: Assembly Natural Resources Committee
HEARING: 04/18/2005 1:30 pm
SUMMARY:

Provides that, if a residential project on an infill site in an urbanized area is in compliance with the traffic and transportation policies in the general plan or zoning ordinance of the local government, a public agency is not required to make those 2 findings for the impacts of that project on traffic at intersections, or on streets, highways, or freeways.

STATUS:
 03/14/2005 To ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.
Subject: LandUse

CA AB 1390

AUTHOR: Jones (D)
TITLE: Housing
INTRODUCED: 02/22/2005
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: ASSEMBLY
SUMMARY:

Makes a redevelopment agency liable for all court costs and plaintiff's attorney's fees, and requires the agency to allocate not less than 25% of its tax increment revenues to its Low and Moderate Income Housing Fund every year if a court determines that an agency knowingly misrepresented any material facts regarding the community's share of its regional housing need for low-and moderate-income housing.

STATUS:
 02/22/2005 INTRODUCED.
Subject: Housing

CA AB 1433

AUTHOR: Emmerson (R)
TITLE: Housing: Affordability and Availability
INTRODUCED: 02/22/2005
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: ASSEMBLY
SUMMARY:

Makes a nonsubstantive change to existing law that encourages local and state governments to use their powers to facilitate the improvement and development of affordable housing.

STATUS:

	02/22/2005 Subject:	INTRODUCED. Housing
CA AB 1461	AUTHOR: TITLE: INTRODUCED: DISPOSITION: LOCATION: SUMMARY:	Salinas (D) Community Development Block Grant Program Funds 02/22/2005 Pending ASSEMBLY Deletes the specified percentages of grant funds that are to be used for the various purposes and the limits on the maximum amount of community development block grant funds. Requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to determine and announce in the applicable Notice of Funding Availability, these percentage and maximum amounts.
	STATUS: 02/22/2005 Subject:	INTRODUCED. Housing
CA SB 143	AUTHOR: TITLE: FISCAL COMMITTEE: URGENCY CLAUSE: INTRODUCED: LAST AMEND: DISPOSITION: COMMITTEE: HEARING: COMMITTEE: HEARING: SUMMARY:	Runner (R) Statistical Districts: Antelope Valley yes no 02/03/2005 03/08/2005 Pending Senate Government Modernization, Efficiency and Accountability Committee 03/30/2005 4:00 pm Senate Rules Committee 03/30/2005 4:00 pm Requires any state agency or department that develops and maintains data and statistics on the municipal level to make a separate breakdown on the Antelope Valley in the preparation and maintenance of any statistical analyses by county and requires the Counties of Kern and Los Angeles to provide all necessary data.
	STATUS: 03/08/2005 03/08/2005 Subject:	From SENATE Committee on GOVERNMENT MODERNIZATION, EFFICIENCY & ACCOUNTABILITY with author's amendments. In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on GOVT. MODERNIZATION, EFFICIENCY & ACCOUNTABILITY. Housing
CA SB 223	AUTHOR: TITLE: FISCAL COMMITTEE: URGENCY CLAUSE: INTRODUCED: DISPOSITION: COMMITTEE: HEARING: SUMMARY:	Torlakson (D) Infill Housing yes no 02/15/2005 Pending Senate Transportation and Housing Committee 04/05/2005 1:30 pm Establishes the Specific Plan Revolving Loan Program for the purpose of providing loans to cities and counties to adopt specific plans or equivalent planning documents that provide for additional infill housing opportunities. Requires, as a condition of loan eligibility, that a specific plan or equivalent land use plan meet criteria, including that it cover an area that is predominantly urbanized and served by public transportation and that it allow for the development of at least 200 new housing units.
	STATUS: 02/24/2005 Subject:	To SENATE Committee on TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING. Housing
CA SB 253	AUTHOR: TITLE: FISCAL COMMITTEE: URGENCY CLAUSE: INTRODUCED:	Torlakson (D) Housing Elements: Fees no no 02/15/2005

DISPOSITION: Pending
COMMITTEE: Senate Transportation and Housing Committee
HEARING: 04/05/2005 1:30 pm
SUMMARY:

Authorizes a council of governments to charge a fee for determining shares of the existing and projected regional housing need for cities, counties, and subregions at all income levels and for subsequent revisions of specified housing elements.

STATUS:
 02/24/2005 To SENATE Committee on TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING.
Subject: Housing

CA SB 365

AUTHOR: Ducheny (D)
TITLE: Affordable Housing
INTRODUCED: 02/17/2005
DISPOSITION: Pending
COMMITTEE: Senate Transportation and Housing Committee
HEARING: 04/05/2005 1:30 pm
SUMMARY:

Relates to the Planning and Zoning Law which requires that each entity that provides water or sewer services be granted a priority for the provision of available and future resources or services to proposed housing developments that help meet the city's or county's share of the regional housing need for lower income households. The bill expressly makes these provisions applicable to charter cities.

STATUS:
 02/24/2005 To SENATE Committee on TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING.
Subject: Housing

CA SB 435

AUTHOR: Hollingsworth (R)
TITLE: Housing: Density Bonuses
FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
INTRODUCED: 02/17/2005
DISPOSITION: Pending
COMMITTEE: Senate Transportation and Housing Committee
HEARING: 04/05/2005 1:30 pm
SUMMARY:

Includes within those eligibility requirements the construction of a mobilehome park that limits residency based on age requirements for housing for older persons and the construction, for the persons and families of moderate income, of a community apartment project and stock cooperative. Requires a city, county, and city and county to permit an additional incentive or concession for projects in which the developer is entitled to a density bonus, but can use less than 50% of the density bonus.

STATUS:
 03/03/2005 To SENATE Committee on TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING.
Subject: Housing

CA SB 587

AUTHOR: Battin (R)
TITLE: Housing
FISCAL COMMITTEE: no
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
INTRODUCED: 02/18/2005
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Senate Rules Committee
SUMMARY:

Makes technical, non-substantial changes in findings and declarations regarding the CalHome Program.

STATUS:
 03/03/2005 To SENATE Committee on RULES.
Subject: Housing

CA SB 588

AUTHOR: Runner (R)
TITLE: Redevelopment: Low and Moderate Income Housing Fund
FISCAL COMMITTEE: no
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
INTRODUCED: 02/18/2005

DISPOSITION: Pending
COMMITTEE: Senate Transportation and Housing Committee
HEARING: 04/05/2005 1:30 pm
SUMMARY:

Authorizes the development agency to adopt a plan for the expenditure of excess surplus funds accumulated in its Low and Moderate Income Housing Fund.

STATUS:
 03/03/2005 To SENATE Committee on TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING.
Subject: Housing

CA SB 673

AUTHOR: Denham (R)
TITLE: CEQA: Legislative Intent: Housing Projects
INTRODUCED: 02/22/2005
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Senate Rules Committee
SUMMARY:

Declares the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would revise the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act governing the environmental review of proposed residential housing projects in urban areas that have demonstrated housing shortages.

STATUS:
 03/10/2005 To SENATE Committee on RULES.
Subject: Housing

CA SB 830

AUTHOR: Runner (R)
TITLE: Common Interest Developments
INTRODUCED: 02/22/2005
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Senate Rules Committee
SUMMARY:

Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to the Davis-Stirling Common Interest Development Act.

STATUS:
 03/10/2005 To SENATE Committee on RULES.
Subject: Housing

CA SB 853

AUTHOR: Kehoe (D)
TITLE: Common Interest Developments
INTRODUCED: 02/22/2005
DISPOSITION: Pending
COMMITTEE: Senate Transportation and Housing Committee
HEARING: 04/05/2005 1:30 pm
SUMMARY:

Relates to common interest developments. Specifies that the requirement that a decision on a proposed change to the owner's separate interest or to the common area be consistent with any governing provision of law is not affected by contrary provisions in the association governing documents. Provides other examples of law with which a decision of the association must be consistent.

STATUS:
 03/10/2005 To SENATE Committees on TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING and RULES.
Subject: Housing

CA SB 1026

AUTHOR: Perata (D)
TITLE: Housing Element Guidelines: General Plans
INTRODUCED: 02/22/2005
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: SENATE
SUMMARY:

Deletes existing law requiring local governments to conform their housing elements to the provisions of state law governing the housing element part of the general plan by October 1, 1981.

STATUS:
 02/22/2005 INTRODUCED.
Subject: Housing, LandUse

CA SB 1087	AUTHOR: Florez (D) TITLE: Housing Elements: Services INTRODUCED: 02/22/2005 DISPOSITION: Pending LOCATION: SENATE SUMMARY: Requires that the adopted housing element and any amendments be delivered immediately. Applies these provisions to the legislative body's share of the regional housing need for very low- and low- income households. Requires these public agencies or private entities to adopt a policy for the allocation of these service in accordance with these provisions within 60 days of the adoption or amendment of the housing element. Provides that a utility provider may not deny services to low-income households. STATUS: 02/22/2005 INTRODUCED. Subject: Housing, LandUse
CA SR 8	AUTHOR: Torlakson (D) TITLE: Transportation and Housing INTRODUCED: 01/11/2005 DISPOSITION: Pending LOCATION: Senate Transportation and Housing Committee SUMMARY: Declares that the Senate places a high priority during the 2005-06 Regular Session on improving access to housing and reducing traffic congestion by promoting affordable housing, infill development, and other policies that allow people to live closer to their workplaces. STATUS: 01/27/2005 Withdrawn from SENATE Committee on RULES. 01/27/2005 To SENATE Committee on TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING. Subject: Housing, Transport
US H 176	SPONSOR: Miller Ga (R) TITLE: Homeownership INTRODUCED: 01/04/2005 DISPOSITION: Pending LOCATION: House Financial Services Committee SUMMARY: Facilitates homeownership in high-cost areas. STATUS: 01/04/2005 INTRODUCED. 01/04/2005 To HOUSE Committee on FINANCIAL SERVICES.
US H 393	SPONSOR: Lynch (D) TITLE: Rental Assistance Program INTRODUCED: 01/26/2005 DISPOSITION: Pending LOCATION: House Financial Services Committee SUMMARY: To require the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to notify the Congress of any shortfall in funding for the tenant - based rental assistance program under section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937. STATUS: 01/26/2005 INTRODUCED. 01/26/2005 To HOUSE Committee on FINANCIAL SERVICES.
US S 83	SPONSOR: Inouye (D) TITLE: Tax Relief INTRODUCED: 01/24/2005 DISPOSITION: Pending LOCATION: Senate Finance Committee SUMMARY: A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief for the conversion of cooperative housing corporations into condominiums. STATUS: 01/24/2005 INTRODUCED. 01/24/2005 In SENATE. Read second time.

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To SENATE Committee on FINANCE.

Private file: LandUse

CA AB 691	AUTHOR: Hancock (D) TITLE: Transit Village Plans INTRODUCED: 02/17/2005 DISPOSITION: Pending COMMITTEE: Assembly Local Government Committee HEARING: 03/30/2005 1:30 pm SUMMARY: Authorizes a county or city to declare that a previously adopted specific plan or redevelopment plan that conforms to specified requirements constitutes a village transit plan. STATUS: 03/14/2005 To ASSEMBLY Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT. Subject: LandUse, Transit
CA AB 712	AUTHOR: Canciamilla (D) TITLE: Land Use: Density INTRODUCED: 02/17/2005 DISPOSITION: Pending LOCATION: ASSEMBLY SUMMARY: Relates to residential density. Defines a lower residential density below which the city, county, or city and county would be required to make the specified written findings. STATUS: 02/17/2005 INTRODUCED. Subject: Housing, LandUse
CA AB 773	AUTHOR: Mullin (D) TITLE: Housing Development: Project: Local Agencies FISCAL COMMITTEE: no URGENCY CLAUSE: no INTRODUCED: 02/18/2005 DISPOSITION: Pending LOCATION: ASSEMBLY SUMMARY: Makes technical and conforming changes to provisions of the Planning and Zoning Law. STATUS: 02/18/2005 INTRODUCED. Subject: Housing
CA AB 921	AUTHOR: Daucher (R) TITLE: Redevelopment FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes URGENCY CLAUSE: no INTRODUCED: 02/18/2005 DISPOSITION: Pending COMMITTEE: Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee HEARING: 03/30/2005 9:00 am SUMMARY: Authorizes a redevelopment agency to amend its redevelopment plan to extend the time limit on the plan's effectiveness for an additional 25 years without making new finding of blight. STATUS: 03/14/2005 To ASSEMBLY Committee on HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT. Subject: LandUse
CA AB 1299	AUTHOR: Nava (D) TITLE: California Coastal Act: Policies INTRODUCED: 02/22/2005 DISPOSITION: Pending LOCATION: ASSEMBLY SUMMARY: Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes in the California Coastal Act of 1976 that provides for

the planning and regulation of development within the coastal zone.

STATUS:

02/22/2005

INTRODUCED.

Subject:

LandUse

CA AB 1450

AUTHOR:

Evans (D)

TITLE:

Land Use: Housing Elements

INTRODUCED:

02/22/2005

DISPOSITION:

Pending

LOCATION:

ASSEMBLY

SUMMARY:

Repeals the law requiring a city, county, or city and county to prepare and adopt a general plan for its jurisdiction that contains certain mandatory elements including a housing element.

STATUS:

02/22/2005

INTRODUCED.

Subject:

Housing, LandUse

CA SB 44

AUTHOR:

Kehoe (D)

TITLE:

General Plans: Air Quality Element

FISCAL COMMITTEE:

yes

URGENCY CLAUSE:

no

INTRODUCED:

01/04/2005

LAST AMEND:

02/23/2005

DISPOSITION:

Pending

LOCATION:

Senate Appropriations Committee

SUMMARY:

Requires the legislative body of each city and county, including those in the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District, to amend the appropriate elements of its general plan to include data and analysis, comprehensive goals, policies, and feasible implementation strategies to improve air quality no later than one year from the date specified for the next revision of its housing elements.

STATUS:

03/02/2005

From SENATE Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.

Subject:

AirQuality, LandUse

CA SB 241

AUTHOR:

Margett (R)

TITLE:

Coastal Resources: Development Policies

FISCAL COMMITTEE:

no

URGENCY CLAUSE:

no

INTRODUCED:

02/15/2005

DISPOSITION:

Pending

LOCATION:

Senate Rules Committee

SUMMARY:

Makes a technical, nonsubstantive change in the provision which specifies planning and management policies for the location of a new residential, commercial, and industrial development in the coastal zone.

STATUS:

02/24/2005

To SENATE Committee on RULES.

Subject:

LandUse

CA SB 326

AUTHOR:

Dunn (D)

TITLE:

Land Use: Housing Elements

INTRODUCED:

02/16/2005

DISPOSITION:

Pending

COMMITTEE:

Senate Transportation and Housing Committee

HEARING:

04/05/2005 1:30 pm

SUMMARY:

Provides that a housing development that is proposed to be placed on a parcel zoned for multifamily or single family use is not subject to a conditional use permit on any parcel zoned for housing, if the existing percentages of the units are available at affordable housing costs to very low income, lower income, and moderate income households for at least 30 years and if the project meets specified conditions.

STATUS:

02/24/2005

To SENATE Committees on TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING and

	Subject:	ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY. Housing, LandUse
CA SB 409	AUTHOR: TITLE: INTRODUCED: DISPOSITION: COMMITTEE: HEARING: SUMMARY:	Kehoe (D) General Plans: Air Quality Element 02/17/2005 Pending Senate Local Government Committee 04/06/2005 9:30 am Requires that portion of the conservation element of a city or county's long-term general plan that includes waters to be correlated with the land use element.
	STATUS: 02/24/2005 Subject:	To SENATE Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT. AirQuality, LandUse
CA SB 521	AUTHOR: TITLE: FISCAL COMMITTEE: URGENCY CLAUSE: INTRODUCED: DISPOSITION: COMMITTEE: HEARING: SUMMARY:	Torlakson (D) Local Planning: Transit Village Plans no no 02/18/2005 Pending Senate Local Government Committee 04/06/2005 9:30 am Requires that the mix of housing types be on parcels of which at least a portion is within not more then one-quarter mile of the exterior boundary of the parcel on which the transit station is located and would require a city or county to allow use by right on each parcel within a transit village development district.
	STATUS: 03/03/2005 Subject:	To SENATE Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT. Housing, Transit
CA SB 575	AUTHOR: TITLE: FISCAL COMMITTEE: URGENCY CLAUSE: INTRODUCED: DISPOSITION: COMMITTEE: HEARING: SUMMARY:	Torlakson (D) Housing Development Projects no no 02/18/2005 Pending Senate Transportation and Housing Committee 04/05/2005 1:30 pm Revises conditions upon which a disapproval or a conditional approval of a housing development project is based. Deletes a provision that authorizes the court to issue further orders to ensure that the purposes and policies of these provisions are fulfilled. Authorizes the court to vacate the decision of the local agency and direct the local agency to issue any necessary approval or permit to the applicant. Requires the court to award actual damages to the plaintiff who proposed the housing development.
	STATUS: 03/03/2005 Subject:	To SENATE Committees on TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING and JUDICIARY. Housing, LandUse
CA SB 593	AUTHOR: TITLE: FISCAL COMMITTEE: URGENCY CLAUSE: INTRODUCED: DISPOSITION: COMMITTEE: HEARING: SUMMARY:	Alarcon (D) Development Projects: Superstore Retailers yes no 02/18/2005 Pending Senate Local Government Committee 04/06/2005 9:30 am Requires a city, or county including a charter city, prior to approving or disapproving a proposed development project that would permit the construction of a superstore retailer to cause an economic impact report to be prepared, to be paid for by the project applicant, and that includes

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specified assessments and projections.

STATUS:

03/03/2005

To SENATE Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Subject:

LandUse

CA SB 832

AUTHOR:

Perata (D)

TITLE:

CEQA: Infill Development

INTRODUCED:

02/22/2005

DISPOSITION:

Pending

LOCATION:

Senate Environmental Quality Committee

SUMMARY:

Provides an alternative to infill criteria if the site is located in a city with a population

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29	30 MEMORIAL DAY - SCAG OFFICES CLOSED	31 11:00a Communication & Membership				

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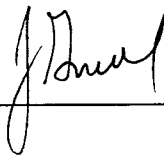
DATE: April 7, 2005

TO: Energy and Environment Committee
Regional Council

FROM: Alan Thompson, Senior Regional Planner, thompson@scag.ca.gov (213) 236-1940

SUBJECT: Solid Waste Conversion

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:



RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Recommend to the Regional Council that SCAG support the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) Resolution 2005-78.

SUMMARY:

The California Integrated Waste Management Board adopted Resolution 2005-78, which adopts their *Conversion Technology Report To The Legislature*, including the following policy recommendations:

1. The definition of "conversion technology" approved by the Board in Resolution Number 2002-177 be promulgated in law, and that more specific definitions of various conversion technologies be developed during a regulatory process.

"Conversion" means the processing, through non-combustion thermal means, chemical means, or biological means, other than composting, of residual solid waste from which recyclable materials have been substantially diverted and/or removed to produce electricity, alternative fuels, chemicals, or other products that meet quality standards for use in the marketplace, with a minimum amount of residuals remaining after processing. (CIWMB Resolution 2002-177)

2. The existing definition of "gasification" is scientifically inaccurate and should be deleted.
3. The "transformation" definition be amended to mean the combustion or incineration of solid waste.
4. Conversion technologies are distinct from landfills and incineration.
5. The Legislature should consider some level of diversion credit for conversion technology facilities in accordance with the conditions set forth in Resolution 2002-177

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BACKGROUND:

For several years, SCAG has been an advocate of conversion technologies. SCAG's Solid Waste Task Force Report from April 1996 advocates that the State "provide full diversion credit to non-burn transformation technologies." SCAG supports legislation that "removes any impediments to transformation or conversion technologies."

SCAG's 2004 Growth Vision Principle is to "Develop strategies to accommodate growth that use resources efficiently, eliminate pollution, and significantly reduce waste."

Diversion technologies can meet that policy as part of an integrated waste management system. Because conversion technologies can help divert waste from landfills and create new economically beneficial products that can be used in place of virgin resources, conversion technologies can promote "sustainability for future generations," also part of the 2004 Growth Vision.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No Fiscal Impact. Funds are allocated in the FY04-05 budget. Item is also part of the SCAG 2005 Legislative Program, which advocates:

Support legislation that removes impediments to the adoption of transformation or conversion technologies that will help municipalities maintain or exceed their requirement to divert 50% of their solid waste away from landfills.

Attachments: CIWMB Resolutions,
Mark Pisano correspondence

CALIFORNIA INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Resolution 2005-78 (Revised)

Discussion And Consideration Of Conversion Technology Report To The Legislature

WHEREAS, the 2003-2004 Waste Composition Study indicates that approximately 40 million tons of waste is landfilled in California; and

WHEREAS, Zero Waste is a primary goal of the Board's strategic plan; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 2770, Chapter 740, Statutes of 2002, was signed by Governor Davis in September 2002 and required the CIWMB to research and evaluate new and emerging non-combustion thermal, chemical, and biological technologies and submit a report to the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, The CIWMB contracted with the University of California to conduct an analysis of conversion technology processes and products; and

WHEREAS, The CIWMB also contracted with RTI, International to conduct life cycle and market impact analyses of conversion technologies; and

WHEREAS, these peer reviewed reports served as the major source of information for the CIWMB Conversion Technology Report to the Legislature, which support the following major findings:

1. Conversion technologies are distinct from landfills and incineration, and can result in substantial environmental benefits for California, including the production of renewable energy, reduced dependency on fossil fuels, and reduction of greenhouse gases.
2. Conversion technologies can enhance landfill diversion efforts and can be complementary to the existing recycling infrastructure. The Board requirements for diversion eligibility for such facilities require that conversion technology facilities complement the local infrastructure and that they maintain or enhance the environmental benefits and economic sustainability of the integrated waste management system.
3. Conversion technologies would be expected to meet federal, state, and local air emissions requirements. Local air districts in California are best equipped to review and condition conversion technology facilities.
4. Definitions of conversion technologies in current statute are scientifically inaccurate, and should be amended.

WHEREAS, CIWMB staff conducted stakeholder workshops to discuss prior to preparation of the *Conversion Technology Report To The Legislature*; and

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WHEREAS, CIWMB staff accepted written comments and has considered stakeholder comments and amended the Report based on the stakeholders comments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board adopts Option 1 and the *Conversion Technology Report To The Legislature*, including the following policy recommendations:

1. The definition of “conversion technology” approved by the Board in Resolution Number 2002-177 be promulgated in law, and that more specific definitions of various conversion technologies be developed during a regulatory process.
2. The existing definition of “gasification” is scientifically inaccurate and should be deleted.
3. The “transformation” definition be amended to mean the combustion or incineration of solid waste.
4. Conversion technologies are distinct from landfills and incineration.
5. The Legislature should consider some level of diversion credit for conversion technology facilities in accordance with the conditions set forth in Resolution 2002-177; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board directs staff to forward the Report through Cal/EPA and the Governor to the Legislature; and

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Executive Director, or his designee, of the California Integrated Waste Management Board does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the California Integrated Waste Management Board held on March 15-16, 2005.

Dated: March 15, 2005

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

Mark Leary
Executive Director

CALIFORNIA INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Resolution 2002-177 (Revised)

Consideration Of Diversion Credit for Materials Sent To Conversion Facilities And A Definition Of "Conversion"

WHEREAS, organic materials, paper, and plastics make up over three-fourths of what is landfilled in California; and

WHEREAS, non-combustion technologies such as gasification and hydrolysis exist that can convert unused, post-recycled materials into high-value products; and

WHEREAS, the Board's Strategic Plan encourages research on new technologies, supports local government efforts to use alternatives to landfilling (including conversion technologies), and promotes a "Zero-waste California" where the public, industry, and government strive to reduce, reuse, or recycle all municipal solid waste materials back into nature or the marketplace; and

WHEREAS, major barriers identified by participants at the Board's May 2001 "Conversion Technologies For Municipal Residuals" Forum included statutory and regulatory constraints; and

WHEREAS, staff held the "Regulation Of Conversion Technologies Workshop" on January 8, 2002, at which approximately 40 representatives from the technology industry, solid waste management industry, environmental community, and local and State governments discussed the regulatory and permitting framework for conversion technologies and diversion issues and developed recommendations; and

WHEREAS, upon direction by the Board at its February 19-20, 2002 meeting, staff convened a small working group that met on March 8, 2002, to further discuss the definition and diversion credit issues; and

WHEREAS, the working group reached consensus regarding a definition for conversion and findings that the Board should make in order for local jurisdictions to receive diversion credit, but did not reach consensus on whether to support a level of full, 25 percent, or 10 percent diversion credit;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves the following policy recommendations:

Option 2B (Definition): "'Conversion" means the processing, through non-combustion thermal means, chemical means, or biological means, other than composting, of residual solid waste from which recyclable materials have been substantially diverted and/or removed to produce electricity, alternative fuels, chemicals, or other products that meet quality standards for use in the marketplace, with a minimum amount of residuals remaining after processing."

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Option 3 (Findings): "Diversion credit shall be available if the Board makes the following findings: (1) the jurisdiction continues to implement the recycling and diversion programs in the jurisdiction's source reduction and recycling element or its modified annual report; (2) the facility complements the existing recycling and diversion infrastructure and is converting solid waste that was previously disposed; (3) the facility maintains or enhances environmental benefits; and (4) the facility maintains or enhances the economic sustainability of the integrated waste management system."

Option 4 (Report): "Beginning in 3 years after a conversion facility is permitted by the CIWMB and is operational, the Board shall, in its annual report to the Legislature, summarize the status of the conversion industry, including a list of permitted facilities and their contribution to the diversion of materials from landfills."

Option 5C (Level of Diversion Credit): "Jurisdictions that meet all of the above criteria [i.e., the findings by the Board] will be eligible for 10 percent diversion credit. Three years after a conversion facility is permitted by the CIWMB and is operational, the Board shall annually evaluate the amount of diversion credit that can be claimed by a jurisdiction, on a case-by-case basis, that sends materials to that facility. As part of its annual report to the Legislature in 2005, the Board should evaluate the effects of allowing diversion credit for conversion technologies and provide recommendations on whether the level of diversion credit should be increased as part of the AB 939 framework."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board directs staff to work with the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment to assess scientific research on air emissions from different conversion technologies.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board recognizes that these policy recommendations and the need for conforming amendments may change during the normal course of legislative debate and procedures, and that the Board directs staff to work with Cal/EPA on responding to such changes.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Executive Director, or his designee, of the California Integrated Waste Management Board does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the California Integrated Waste Management Board held on April 16-17, 2002.

Dated: April 17, 2002

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

Mark Leary
Executive Director

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February 15, 2005

Mr. Fernando Berton
Waste Prevention & Market Development
California Integrated Waste Management Board
1001 I Street, P.O. Box 4025
Sacramento, CA 95812

Dear Mr. Berton:

I would like to take the opportunity to comment on the draft *Conversion Technology Report to the Legislature*.

Landfills in the SCAG region are quickly reaching their capacity. Any technology that successfully diverts post-recycling solid wastes away from landfills should be encouraged and given incentives through regulation. The transformation of non-recyclable solid waste by conversion technologies, particularly when such wastes would otherwise have been destined for a landfill, should be eligible for full diversion credit.

For several years, SCAG has been an advocate of conversion technologies. SCAG's Solid Waste Task Force Report from April 1996 advocates that the State "provide full diversion credit to non-burn transformation technologies." SCAG supports legislation that "removes any impediments to transformation or conversion technologies."

SCAG recognizes that no single technology or management practice is suitable for the handling of all generated waste. Our 2004 Growth Vision principle is to "Develop strategies to accommodate growth that use resources efficiently, eliminate pollution, and significantly reduce waste."

Diversion technologies can meet that policy as part of an integrated waste management system. Because conversion technologies can help divert waste from landfills and create new economically beneficial products that can be used in place of virgin resources, conversion technologies can promote "sustainability for future generations," also part of the 2004 Growth Vision.

Conversion of solid waste does not occur in a vacuum. The CIWMB should include the South Coast Air Quality Management District with the California Air Resources Board in the efforts to study emissions from thermochemical and biochemical conversion technologies. Such cooperation could speed the process between study and regional implementation and avoid duplication of efforts.

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SCAG currently is preparing its Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP) to implement and promote policy objectives of the Regional Council and to assist outside parties in working within regional plans. The Solid Waste chapter of the RCP advocates conversion technologies as one way to reduce non-recyclable solid wastes that would otherwise be sent to landfills.

SCAG strongly urges that the Integrated Waste Management Board use the opportunity provided by the formulation of this report to encourage the widespread adoption of conversion technologies and assigning full diversion credit in those cases where non-recyclable solid waste is actually diverted away from local landfills.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments. If you have any questions about the comments, please contact Alan Thompson, Senior Regional Planner, on the SCAG staff at 213-236-1940.

Sincerely,

Mark Pisano
Executive Director

REPORT

DATE: April 7, 2005

TO: Policy Committees
Regional Council

FROM: Barbara Dove, Government Affairs, (213) 236-1861, dove@scag.ca.gov

SUBJECT: 2005 Regional Champion Awards

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:

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RECOMMENDED ACTION: Nominate a Regional Champion Candidate and seek Regional Council approval.

BACKGROUND: In February, the Regional Council authorized the establishment of four new awards recognizing Leadership and Regionalism related to specific areas of SCAG's work. Each of SCAG's three policy committees has an award to bestow upon a leader in one of their areas of focus. For example, the TCC might recognize a regional leader in Goods Movement, the EEC might identify a dedicated regionalist in Water issues, and the CEHD might deem someone deserving in the area of Housing Element Reform. The fourth award is from the Communication & Membership Subcommittee, given for excellence in media/communications. Remember that this is one time when we honor citizens, not elected officials. These award presentations will take place at the General Assembly.

This means taking action now:

1. At your March policy committee meeting, the concept was presented and discussed. Each committee member was charged with coming up with potential candidates. After the meetings, Policy Committee Members were sent emails with a Nomination Form and an explanation of the process.
2. **At your April policy committee meeting, the candidate nominations should be reviewed and consensus reached on your one nominee.** If for some reason no names were submitted in advance, ask for nominations from the floor. **Your committee report at the RC should announce your recommended Regional Champion recipient and seek the approval of the RC.** If you have no nominee, no award will be given.
3. When the above is accomplished, recipients will be notified and invited to be recognized at our May 4th and 5th General Assembly and 40th Anniversary Dinner as well as the respective policy committee meetings from which they were nominated.

Thanks for your active participation in this new opportunity to recognize regional leadership and service.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no budget impact.

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2005 REGIONAL CHAMPION AWARD

NOMINATION FORM

1. Nominee's Name _____
Phone _____
Address _____
Employed by _____
 - Profession _____
 - Community and civic activities (if known) _____
2. Brief description of accomplishments

3. Please write a short summary of how this person has contributed to the concept of regionalism

4. Major publication(s), awards, and other recognition the person has received (if known)

Submitter's Name _____

Phone # _____

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